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Dear Admiral Turner:

Thank you for your letter of May'21 urging prompt action to provide more specific legislative authority for CIA personnel to carry firearms.

As you note, such authority is proposed within the context of the intelligence charter legislation which is now undergoing final Administration review. The Committee will consider charter legislation promptly when the Administration has resolved those issues which remain and has presented the finished proposal to the Congress. I intend to urge the President to speed these comprehensive proposals as quickly as possible towards final resolution because I feel that they will require full consideration in the time remaining in the 96th Congress.

With every good wish, I am

Chairman